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said base, said projection having top and bottom portions and consisting of identical right and left halves for insertion into the edges of two panels to be connected, the top portion of each half comprising identical extensions extending horizontally in opposite directions equal distances wherein the combined width of the extensions is less than the width of the base, said extensions being substantially parallel to, separate from and above said base, and two protrusions extending vertically from said base, said protrusions spaced apart from said projection and being located on either side of said projection.

56. (previously amended) The connector of claim 55 wherein said connector is an elongated track.

57. (previously amended) The connector of claim 55 wherein the projection extends substantially the entire length of the connector.

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58. (twice amended) The connector of claim 55 wherein the protrusions extend substantially the entire length of the connector.

REMARKS

Claims 55-58 are pending in the application.

Rejection – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 55-58 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,070,845 ("Cody"). In particular, allegedly Cody teaches all the limitations of the above claims including an elongated track connector (10) with base (34), projection (14) with identical right and left halves (34), and base (34) with protrusions (40) and recesses (42) extending the length of the connector. The rejection is respectfully traversed.